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Equal Suffrage League.

The Equal Suffrage League, of Big Stone Gap, met on July 16th.

Present: Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Treasurer, Miss E. S. Bumgardner, Secretary, Mrs. Cora L. Benedict, member of the Executive Committee; also Mesdames A. D. Owens, W. I. Nickels, S. A. Bailey, and Miss Mattie Brown, members of the League; and Misses Stone, Pforr, Dorothy Owens and Janet Bailey.

Mrs. John H. Lewis, of Lynchburg, Virginia, Vice-President of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of Virginia, who had been visiting here for several days, having on July 16th addressed the Court at Wise and the Parent-Teachers' Association at Big Stone Gap and the public of Big Stone Gap, met with Mrs. Lewis made a short address to the League, urging that we elect officers and take up the work actively.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Lewis' address Miss E. S. Bumgardner was made temporary chairman and the meeting was open for business. Mrs. Cora L. Benedict was unanimously elected president, Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, first Vice President, Mrs. R. B. Aboyer, second Vice-President, Mrs. D. B. Sayers, Treasurer, Miss E. S. Bumgardner, Secretary, Mesdames A. D. Owens, W. I. Nickels, R. D. Morrison, D. C. Wolfend, E. E. Goodloe, Executive Committee.

After a full discussion of the question, it was decided that monthly meetings should be held by the League on the last Saturday of each month at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and that these meetings should be held in some public place, either at the school house or in the vacant store room in the Monte Vista building. Miss Bumgardner was directed to write to State Headquarters and secure a form for a Constitution and a form for By Laws, which forms should be admitted to the League at its next meeting to be acted upon. Miss Bumgardner was also directed to write letters to Senators Martin and Swanson and Edwin V. Webb, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, urging them to vote for prompt and favorable action upon the amendment to the Constitution in favor of Woman's Suffrage.

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After discussion it was decided that a membership committee should be named by the president of the League and active work should be begun to secure additional members.

The League gave a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Lewis for her visit to us and for the inspiration she had given us in the work.

There being no further business before the meeting it adjourned sine die.

Miss E. S. Bumgardner, Secretary.

News From The Front

A telegram received Sunday from the front states that a 1,000 word article upon the way to this paper from Brownsville, Texas, to be expected Tuesday night. The article is written by Rev. W. J. Atfriend, who is a private with Company H, and is eagerly anticipated. If it is not found elsewhere in these columns, our readers will know by these signs and tokens that it has been delayed, as all the mails have been delayed for over a week on account of the severe rains, washouts, etc., and it will make just as good reading next week.

Radford Normal Notes.

Prof. W. C. Locker, Principal of the John Marshall High School of Richmond, and a member of the Virginia Normal School Board, spent Wednesday at the Normal School explaining the Locker Easy Method of Writing, which has been adopted by the State Board of Education for the use of the schools of the State.

Mrs. Ransom of the State Board of Health spent several days in Radford arranging this week for the employment of a School Nurse for the coming year in connection with the public schools of the city. In this way the Normal School students will be acquainted with the best methods of modern school nursing and community nursing with the medical examination of children in the public schools.

Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler delivered a very interesting address before the faculty and students of the Normal School last Friday. Governor Tyler is very popular with the Normal Students.

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Summer Activities

Of Department of Public Instruction.

It may naturally be imagined by the uninitiated that business at the Department of Public Instruction is somewhat sluggish during these scorching summer days. But quite the reverse is true. The well-directed activity there keeps close tabs on the soaring thermometer and proves that there is no holiday season for the guardians of Virginia's 650,000 school children.

The largest single factor in this summer activity is the work of directing the twenty-three State normal summer schools. Located at convenient points throughout the Commonwealth and manned by carefully selected faculties, they furnish excellent educational advantages for teachers at a minimum of expense. The enrollment of over six thousand this session breaks all records, thus giving convincing proof that Virginia teachers are seeking professional training and are laying solid foundations for thorough and progressive work.

In the meantime, the isolated places of the State are not forgotten. In its persistent fight against illiteracy, the Department inaugurated last summer an order of Vacation Schools designed to give elementary practical instruction to old and young alike. This instruction is either carried to localities where regular school facilities are either lacking or are regrettably limited in scope.

At each school are stationed two experienced teachers—one to handle the children, the other to instruct the adults. Classes are conducted at night for those who cannot attend in the day. Not only is instruction given in reading and writing but a number of practical subjects are taught. Last year over 1,500 people attended these schools, a large proportion of them being married. One of the Department inspectors has been placed in charge of these vacation schools by State Superintendent Stearnes.

The school year closing June 30th revealed progress along all lines. Increased enrollment and better daily attendance were the outstanding features. A marked increase in local levies was also noticeable, while the erection of scores of substantial school buildings gives further evidence of a thoroughly awakened interest in education.

These facts and others of a significant nature were developed in the recent conference of division superintendents held in Richmond. From every quarter came evidence of united effort and gratifying progress. Records were broken in enrollment, average attendance, extension of school terms, development of teaching force, clarification and simplification of curricula, reduction of illiteracy, and developing a closer union of effort between teacher and patron.

From this point of vantage, it is inspiring to glance backward for even one decade. Perhaps no state in the Union can equal the record—certainly none can surpass it. Here it is as compiled by Superintendent Stearnes from official records:

Schools increased from 5,913 to 12,343.

Teachers increased from 2,072 to 12,510.

Enrollment increased from 361,772 to 473,210.

High schools increased from 75 to 572.

Schools leagues increased from 144 to 957.

Demonstration work established among boys and girls.

Annual school revenues increased from \$2,432,092 to \$7,201,768.

Value of school property increased from \$4,297,625 to \$15,035,600.

Three splendid State Normal Schools built and equipped.

The perfection of a State sys-

tem for the certification of teachers.

Since 1912 the enrollment in our schools has been increased to a greater extent than during the preceding twenty years.

Report At Once All Paralysis

State Board of Health Taking Precautions—Quarantine Law as Affects Scourge Explained.

Richmond, Va., July 13.—To procure early information of any cases of infantile paralysis appearing in Virginia, the State Board of Health today placed this scourge on the list of diseases which physicians are required to report immediately upon diagnosis.

In the cities and counties with fully organized boards of health, physicians are to report to those boards as in the past, under such regulations as are locally prescribed. Physicians elsewhere in the State are to communicate directly to both the local boards and the State Board.

This ruling of the State board, made in accordance with the law of February 28, 1916, was issued this afternoon in the following form:

"Infantile paralysis (acute anterior poliomyelitis) is hereby added to Reportable Diseases, Class I, as defined in paragraph 1 of the Rules and Regulations of May 5, 1916. Physicians are urged to all diligence in reporting this malady without an hour's delay after the establishment of diagnosis in order that proper steps may be taken to prevent the spread of the disease."

In issuing this ruling, the State Board likewise explained that Virginia had automatic quarantine against this disease and all others of a communicable character. Violation of this quarantine is punishable with a fine. On this point, the board gave out the following:

"The immigration into Virginia of persons suffering from communicable disease is prohibited by law. If the health authorities learn of the approach of such a person to the State line, entrance into the State will be prohibited. In taking this action, the State Board of Health and municipal health departments have concurrent jurisdiction. Notice is hereby given that this law will be enforced against infantile paralysis and that if persons suffering from this disease come into Virginia, in the face of the provisions of law, they will at once be placed in quarantine and punished as prescribed by statute."

The State Board likewise sent out to day to the authorities of the various towns and cities of Virginia an urgent appeal for sanitary precautions to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis in case the New York epidemic should appear in this State.

1,000 Cases of Infantile Paralysis.

New York, July 17.—The total of infantile paralysis cases passed the thousand mark today. Simultaneously there began the greatest clean-up that the city has ever experienced.

Four million gallons of water will be used each day to flush the streets in the sections where babies have contracted the disease and every street in the greater city will be thoroughly cleaned at least once every 24 hours. Arrests were ordered for all infractions of the health laws.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Soldiers' Relief Subscription Fund

Added to the total of \$2,472.00 previously subscribed to the Soldiers' Relief Fund, as reported in our last issue, the Treasurer reports two additional subscriptions this week, as follows:

Electric Transmission Co. \$5.00 per month
H. J. Ayers 2.00 per month

making a total of \$2,556.00 annually available for the relief of the dependent families of the men in Company H.

The organization has not encouraged, nor permitted, subscriptions from those who have boys at the front, though many have desired to contribute to this worthy cause. Everyone else interested is asked to give something towards making this fund large enough to meet all appeals for help. Please send your contribution to the Treasurer or to any member of the finance committee this week, if possible.

Reception for Miss Ellasue Wagner.

Last Tuesday afternoon, the ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church gave a delightful reception at the hospitable home of their president, Mrs. L. O. Pettit, between the hours of three and six o'clock, in honor of Miss Ellasue Wagner, who will leave in two weeks for Korea, where she will reenter the mission field for seven years.

The whole lower floor of the spacious home was made beautiful with quantities of cut glass vases and bowls filled with sweet peas, pinks and hollyhocks. In the dining room, where the guests were served three kinds of delicious ice cream and four kinds of cake by the girls of the Junior Missionary Society, more flowers were artistically arranged on the table on which was placed a Russian lace cover.

All during the afternoon music was furnished by a victrola, operated by Misses Margaret Barron and Elizabeth Sprinkle, also by a number of selections on the piano by different guests.

At the close of the afternoon, Mrs. Pettit presented Miss Ellasue Wagner with a beautiful crocheted basket filled with sweet peas, in the bottom of which were three five dollar gold pieces and two dollars and a quarter in smaller coins.

The invitations to this enjoyable affair were limited to the fifty-two members of the missionary society and their house guests.

Mrs. Pettit's Presentation Speech. (Specially Requested.)

"One year ago in this month, Miss Ellasue, we met in our church to give you greeting and a welcome in our midst. The year has sped on feathery wings, yes, with the rapidity of an aeroplane and we are gathered today to say Aul Weiderrahn."

"The inspiration of your presence and nobility of character has made a deep impression on our minds and hearts. A wonderful life is yours, doing good all the time; a life made bright with noble deeds unmarred by sinful strife. Emerson, I think, said: 'The most exquisite virtue is unselfishness and the most heinous sin jealousy'. Of the former you have exemplified it in your life, of the latter, you haven't a trace."

"In presenting to you this modest gift from the missionary society, we wish we could have made it ten times more lavish, but it pulsates with the heart-throbs of each one of us. 'Love makes memory eternal', and our love for you will last as long as we shall live, and we hope, when seven years have rolled around, and you come back to us, we will all greet here to greet you, without one face missing. Accept this, Miss Ellasue, with the best wishes of our society and a fervent 'God be with you till we meet again.'"

Base Ball.

Big Stone Gap Wins in Close Game.

In a real close and exciting game Big Stone Gap won from Norton on the latter's grounds by a score of 2 to 1. They were tied until the ninth, when the home team made the winning run. Goffe, the southpaw, pitched a strong game for Norton and kept his hits well scattered throughout the game. Banks twirled as equally a good game and his work was considered first rate considering the length of time he has been absent from the firing line. He will be given more work to do later on. Everybody here has lots of confidence in Roy's pitching ability and believe he will develop into a first class pitcher again.

Below is tabulated score of the game:

BIG STONE GAP										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E		AB	R	H
Gilly, cf	1	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	1
Norton, ss	3	0	1	1	0	2		3	0	1
Pickersel, c	2	0	1	8	1	1		2	0	1
H. Potter, 2b	5	0	0	3	0	0		5	0	0
Schley, 3b	3	0	1	1	4	0		3	0	1
Jones, 1b	4	1	2	5	1	2		4	1	2
Richmond, cf	4	0	0	2	1	0		4	0	0
Wright, 1b	4	1	2	4	0	0		4	1	2
Banks, p	2	0	1	0	1	0		2	0	1
Totals	32	2	9	27	8	5		32	2	9
NORTON										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E		AB	R	H
Gillespie, 2b	4	0	1	6	4	1		4	0	1
Enlton, ss	1	0	0	2	1	0		1	0	0
Ratcliffe, cf	1	1	1	2	0	0		1	1	1
Dillon, c	4	0	0	7	2	0		4	0	0
Anderson, 3b	1	0	1	1	0	1		1	0	1
Perkins, cf	1	0	1	1	0	0		1	0	1
Flemming, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	0		4	0	1
Martin, p	2	0	0	2	0	0		2	0	0
Goffe, cf	3	0	0	0	3	0		3	0	0
Totals	24	1	4	27	10	2		24	1	4
Times	1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3
Big Stone	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0
Norton	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0
Base on Balls	off Goffe, 5; Banks, 1.									
Sacrifice Hits	Pickersel and Richmond.									
Struck out by	Goffe, 7; Banks, 5.									

BIG TIMBER DEAL.

C. P. Addington has purchased a large tract of timber from the Virginia Iron Coal and Coke Company, on Dotson Creek, Wise County, which will take about two years to cut and market. This operation will give employment to a large number of men and is a boon to this section.—Wise Republican.

Infant Paralysis Appears In Richmond.

Richmond, July 17.—A child from South Boston, supposed to be afflicted with infantile paralysis, is now in the local hospital, and the case is being given close surveillance. Every precaution is being taken here against an outbreak of the disease. Tonight the city council will appropriate \$2,000 for emergency work, which will include a general clean up of the city.

CALOMEL SALIVATES AND MAKES YOU SICK

Acts like Dynamite on a Sluggish Liver and You Lose a Day's Work.

There's no reason why a person should take sickening, salivating calomel when 50 cents buys a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic—a perfect substitute for calomel.

It is a pleasant, vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and cannot salfate.

Children and grown folks can take Dodson's Liver Tonic, because it is perfectly harmless.

Calomel is a dangerous drug. It is mercury and attacks your bones. Take a dose of nasty calomel today and you will feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tonic instead and you will wake up feeling great. No more biliousness, constipation, sluggishness, headaches, coated tongue or sour stomach. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tonic acts better than horrible calomel your money is wasting for you.—adv.